

The Caledonian Mercury.

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Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Jan. 29.

Notwithstanding the States General have signified to Count Coningseck the Emperor's Ambassador, that they cannot but look upon the Treaty of Hanover to be a Treaty purely Defensive, and having no aim or Tendency to the Offence or Injury of any Person; yet the afore said Minister daily renews his Solicitations to dissuade their High Mightinesses from acceding to the said Treaty, in order to which, he had on the 26th Inst. a Conference with some of the Regency, to whom he then delivered a new Memorial, and on the 28th that Minister conferred with the President of the Week, and delivered him a Letter from his Imperial Majesty to the States General: But there's not the least Room to think that he will be ever able to succeed in his Negotiations, especially so long as the Emperor and King of Spain are determined to maintain with united Forces, the essential Wrong done to the Subjects of their High Mightinesses.

We find by the Advices from Stockholm, that the Emperor and the Czarina are very busy by their Ministers at Court, to bring his Swedish Majesty into their Interest.

In the mean Time we are fitting out a Fleet here, which the Emperor nor none of his Allies, 'tis thought will dare to Face; the Ships already commissioned will with the Guard Ships make 30 Men of War of the Line, of which one is a 2d Rate, 14 are 3d Rates, and the rest 4th Rates, which together with the following Resolutions, must needs give Life to publick Credit, altho S. S. Stock fell Yesterday to 108.

The Commons resolved, that the Number of effective Men to be provided for Guards and Garrisons in Great Britain, Guernsey and Jersey, for the Year 1726, be 18226 Men, and that 655178 L. be granted for defraying the Charge thereof, also 152637 L. for maintaining the Forces and Garrisons in the Plantations, Minorca and Gibraltar, 14930, for Out-Pensioners of Chelsea College, 5287, for defraying several extraordinary Expenses and Services incurred and not provided for by Parliament, and that 73000 L. be granted for the

reduced Officers of the Land Officers and Marines.

There was a considerable Debate before the Resolution, which was moved for by Mr. Pelham Secretary at War, and argued against by Mr. Pultney Mr. Shippen, Sir William Wyndham, Sir Joseph Jekyl, Mr. Verney, and Sir William Barker, who argued in the general, that what the two Foreign Powers could do to us, ought to be slighted with Contempt, and that we should let them know it so far as to disband 4000 of the Forces, and that they could not visit us without our Leave, by Reason of the Fleet; and that the first Year of his Majesty's Reign, there were no more than 8000 Forces. Sir Robert Walpole, Mr. Onslow and others, who were against lessening the Forces, remarked amongst other Things, that several Powers were actually arming; that the speedy Resolution of this House of Commons, and keeping up the above-mentioned Number of Forces, were the most likely Means to preserve Peace to Europe, and Mr. Onslow quoted History to prove what great Effects such Resolutions formerly had towards preserving Peace, and keeping the Balance of Power, even in the Reign of King Henry the VIII. but especially that of Queen Elizabeth.

This Day the Commons resolved to address his Majesty, that the late Treaty of Peace and Commerce concluded betwixt the Emperor and King of Spain, might be laid before the House: after some Debates it was resolved to consider next Tuesday on Ways and Means. It was observed that Sir Robert Walpole in his Speech on this Head, exclaimed against the pernicious Practice of Stock-jobbers, who by villanous Lies and Fallhoods, hurt the publick Credit, and hoped that Measures would be taken to prevent the same; which Mr. Hungerford said six Lines in a Bill would do effectually.

We hear from Nottinghamshire, that Mr. Bains a Clergyman, and another young Gentleman, perished in the Snow on the 8th Instant, which was very deep in those Parts.

Last Week died Fleetwood Lee Esq; at his Seat in Lancashire.

John Hubbard Esq; Brigadier General, is appointed

ted Captain and Governour of Pendennis Castle in Cornwall.

From the Daily Courant, Jan. 29.

Berlin, Jan. 15. The Broils between the King of Prussia and the Poles are increased to such a Degree, that his Prussian Majesty has ordered 10 Regiments of Foot and 6 of Horse to file off towards Prussia to reinforce his Troops there, his Majesty being resolved to follow thither in Person; and the Generals who are to command, are actually named. We see here a Regulation, relating to the Quarters appointed for the King's Forces during this Year, by which it appears the greatest Part of them will be distributed in the four Marches and in Pomerania, in order to be nearer to Prussia.

Paris, Jan. 25. 'Tis a Matter of great Surprize here to many, that the Emperor has sent no Ambassador hither.

Warsaw, Jan. 6. Our last Advices from Leopold give an Account of the News the Crown General had received, that the Grand Signior has sent towards the Frontiers of Tartary a strong Body of Troops commanded by 3 Bashaws, with Orders to act offensively against the Sultan Dely, Prince of Circassia, who has assembled a numerous Army of Tartars, Cossacks and Calmucks, in order to attack the Cham of Crim Tartars in his own Country.

Bern, Jan. 20. The French are buying up here great Numbers of Horses for their Artillery and Cavalry. 'Tis assured that the Marquis d'Avarey, the French Ambassador, will shortly have positive Orders for renewing the Alliance with the Protestant Cantons: Whilst on the other hand, the Abbot of St. Blaize is said to have a Commission, for making Proposals about a perpetual Alliance 'twixt the Court of Vienna and the 13 Cantons.

London, Jan. 29. We hear that a Manufactory will shortly be established in G. Britain, for the making of Lace in Imitation of that of Brussels and Machine, and that very great Privileges will be granted to the Persons who shall undertake a Project so advantageous to G. Britain.

We hear the Pool and Griffin, 2 Fireships, have Orders to get each 35 Men.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Jan. ---

They write from Vienna of the 5th Inst. That on the 2d the Emperor assisted at the Privy Council. On the 3d a long Conference was held at Prince Eugene's, about the Preliminaries of the Alliance between this Court and that of Russia; one of the chief Articles whereof, we are told, relates to the Succession of the Russian Monarchy in favour of the

Czarowitz. The same Day an Express was dispatched to Mr. Dierling, the Emperor's Resident at Constantinople, with new Instructions about the present Posture of Affairs; this Minister having by his last Letters acquainted the Court of the Turks continuing to make great Preparations for War, and that they seem resolved to attack the Venetians next Spring.

Paris, Jan. 26. The Court has ordered six more Missionaries to be sent to the Mississipi, for the more lively Instruction of the Inhabitants of that Part of the W. Indies in the Christian Religion.

Madrid, Decem. 31. The Court has given Orders for repairing the Fortifications of Cadix, and for adding such other new Works as may render that important Place out of Danger. We are told all the Provinces of the Kingdom will be obliged to furnish a certain Number of Men to augment our Troops, and make them up 100,000 for the Field. A Train of Artillery of 60 Pieces of Brass Cannon is got ready at Malaga, to be carried whither the Government shall think fit. Some Days ago the late Duke of Ormond delivered to the King and Queen Letters from the Chevalier de S. George and the Princess his Consort.

Hamburg, Jan. 25. We hear from Petersburg, that their military Preparations are now greater than any made in the Time of the late Emperor. Admiral Cruys has Orders to get ready all the Men of War at Petersburg, Revel and Cronstot, that they may be ready to put to Sea on first Notice.

Venice, Jan. 12. 'Tis certain that the Minister of Russia has proposed to this Republick, an Alliance against the Turks; and it seems this State will accede to it, as soon as that proposed to the Emperor and Poland is concluded.

Rome, Dec. 29. We have it reported here, that the Courts of Vienna and Madrid, have both required the Great Duke of Tuscany, to declare the Infant Don Carlos his Successor.

Lisbon, Dec. 20. They write from Syria, that the Roman Catholics of Damascus have suffered terrible Persecution from the new Patriarch of the Greeks, who resides there; above 15000 Persons have been put in Prison, and undergone diverse Torments for their Adherence to their Religion; and the Constancy of three Fryars, is mightily applauded, who were sent thither by Order of the Provincial of Jerusalem, and who have by their Firmness conquer'd the Barbarity of the Persecutors.

Madrid, Jan. 7. The Duke of Riperda has presented a Project to the King and his Council, whereby he proposes to augment his Majesty's Revenues with 30 Millions of Crowns per annum in Spain, and 4 Millions of Pistoles in the Indies, and most People that are concerned in the Finances, are of Opinion, that the Duke knows as well how to bring his Schemes to bear, as the Cardinals Rich-lieu and Mazarin, or even Mr. Colbert did theirs.

London, Jan. 25. We hear that Mr. Price, who presented his Majesty so early the last Spring with fine Fruits, has already in Blossom in his Garden at Vauxhall, Plumbs, Peaches, Nectarins and Apricocks, which some Gentlemen daily resort thither to see, being a very great Rarity at this Time of the Year, and an agreeable Curiosity to those that Delight in Gardening.

Yesterday one Thomas Salmon was committed to Tottefields Bridwell by Justice Harper, to be kept there at hard Labour, until discharged by Course of Law, for speaking disrespectful Words of his Majesty, several Persons of Quality and Distinction, and Members of the House of Commons.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, Febr. 1.

Yesterday arrived a Mail from Holland. There are repeated Advices from Madrid, of his Catholick Majesty's Designs to augment his Troops to 100,000 Men, to which End it has been proposed in Council, to oblige all the Provinces of that Kingdom, to furnish a certain Number of Men in Proportion to their Abilities. That the Court has given Orders for repairing the Fortifications of Cadix, and that a Train of Artillery of 60 Pieces of Brass Canon, is got ready at Malaga, to be transported where his Majesty shall order.

We cannot imagine what Spain and her great Ally the Emperor, design by carrying on such great Preparations, and using their utmost Endeavours to prevent all the Potentates they can from acceding to the Treaty of Hanover; but an Express arrived Yesterday, with the good News, that on the 28th past, the Assembly of the States of the Province of Holland, have taken a final Resolution of entering into the foresaid Treaty, which Resolution is now passed, according to the most exact Form. And it is not in the least doubted, but the good Example of the States of Holland will be followed by other Provinces, there being all the Inducements that can be for their ready Concurrence: And it is very probable that soon after the Treaty between the Emperor and King of Spain is laid before the

British Parliament, some Resolutions will be taken with Respect to the Commerce of the Austrian Netherlands to the Indies.

We do not hear that Count Palmas, who arrived here some Time ago from Vienna, has as yet been at Court.

We have the good News that about the middle of December, a Peace was concluded at Boston in New England, with the Eastern Indians; an Event of great Importance to his Majesty's Subjects in that Part of America.

They write from Dublin, that on the 25th past a Proclamation was published there, for making the new Gold Coin of Portugal current in that Kingdom, viz. The Piece of Gold weighing one Penny-weight 3 Grains, to pass at 5 sh. sterl. That weighing two Penny-weight 8 Grains, to pass at 10 sh. sterl. That weighing 4 Penny-weight, 13 Grains, to pass at 20 sh. That weighing 9 Penny-weight and 5 Grains, at 2 l. and that weighing 18 Penny-weight 9 Grains, to pass at 4 l.

The Hon. Major More, of Colonel Navel's Regiment of Dragoons, died the 21st past.

'Tis privately discoursed that a Vice-Chancellor will be appointed to assist the Lord Chancellor, and 'tis thought that Sir Joseph Jekyl will be created a Peer, and that soon after he will resign his Place of the Rolls to Sir Philip York, who married Sir Joseph's Niece.

Last Week a Popish Bookeller in Drury-lane was taken into Custody of a Messenger, for printing and publishing a Book, entituled, *The Conversion and Reformation of England compared.*

The Trial of the Earl of Macclesfield is now published, and it contains 284 Pages in Folio; the Perusal of which may perhaps be a Means to satisfy those who thought his Lordship's Sentence not adequate to his Crimes.

Sir Nicolas Morrice, Member of Parliament, is dead.

Sir Nicholas Pelham is chosen Member of Parliament for Lewis in Suffex, in Room of Henry Pelham Esq; deceased, and the Marquis of Carnarvan is now chosen for Stanyan in Room of General Pepper deceased.

Tomorrow Protections will be granted for all Outward-bound that are cleared at the Custom-house, and that on Thursday Protections will be granted to the Coalliers, the Price of Coals growing very excessive.

This Day the Commons in a Grand Committee on

on Ways and Means, resolved, that 2 sh. in the Pound, and no more be laid on all Lands, Tenements &c. for the ensuing Year.

The Lords did nothing Extraordinary.

From the Post Boy, Feb. 1.

Hague, Feb. 1. The States of Holland are summoned to meet Thursday next: Among the other Points that will fall under their Consideration, is that of the Inundations lately made in that Province, and how to repair the Damage done thereby. Mean-while the Generality of People cannot come into the Sentiment of some, to wit, That the Province will be at the Charge of making good the Dikes and Losses; but rather think the Sufferers will be exempted from Taxes for a Year or two, and be obliged, upon that Score, to repair their own Dikes. A Piece of News is whispered here, that causes great Speculation, but which we cannot warrant, tho' we wish it to be true: It is, That Minheer Hop, lately our Ambassador at the Court of France, is upon the Point of going to the Imperial Court, to endeavour to bring about a general Reconciliation between the Allies of Vienna and those of Hanover.

The Elector of Bavaria continues very ill.

S. S. Stock 107, 1 half. Annuities, 9, 1 4th. Bank, 123. African, 12, 3 4ths. York Buildings, 12, 3 4ths.

Edinburgh, Feb. 7. On Friday last one --- Simpson a Farmer near this City, was killed by the Fall of a Stone from a House opposite to main Guard.

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¶¶ There is to be exposed to Sale, before the Lords of Session, upon the 22d of February Inst. betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon, in the Parliament-house, the Lodgings possess'd by Lord David Hay and the Laird of Drummelzier, with a Fore-land, several Houses and a Yard, lying all in the Head of the Canongate; and which pertained to the deceased Mr. John Oliphant, Indweller there. The Rental and Articles of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of Thomas Gibson, one of the Under-clerks of Session.

¶¶ That a very convenient House, a little down Clofs, on the South-side of the Castle-hill, consisting of three Storeys (besides Kitchen, Pantry and Cellar under Ground)

with Brewhouse, Bakehouse, Coal-cellar, a little Garden Yard and other Conveniencies, all within itself, presently possess'd by my Lord Advocate; is to be sett or sold. Enquire at George Purdie at the Exchange Coffee-house.

¶¶ Just now come home from Cadix in Spain a Parcel of large Sevil Oranges, to be sold in Whole Sale or Retail, the whole Chest at 30 Shillings as they came home, and all fresh Fruit, at 35 Shillings, in Retail at six Shillings per hundred, at ten Dozen per hundred, and at 8 Pence per Dozen: As also good Limons and China Oranges at reasonable Rates, either in Wholesale or Retail: All to be sold in Leith, the first Loft above the Weighhouse.

¶¶ That, according to Adjournment, the Lands and Baronies of LOUNAN, ÆTHIE and NORTHARRIE, are to be exposed to Roup and Sale on Tuesday the Twenty-second of February Inst. at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, in the House of Alexander Stuart Vintner in Edinburgh, either separately or altogether, as shall be determined at the Time of the Sale; and whereof the free Rent is as follows, viz. Of the Lands and Barony of Lounan, 3 Firlots, one Peck Wheat; 77 Bolls 1 Firlot, 2 Pecks Bear; 172 Bolls Meal; 633 L. 6 sh. 8 d. Scots of Money-Rent; 24 Capons; beside 156 Poultry, not valued in the Rental. Of the Lands and Barony of Æthie, 3 Bolls Wheat, 86 Bolls Bear, 119 Bolls, 2 Firlots Meal; 519 L. 13 sh. 4 d. Scots of Money-Rent, 9 Wedders, 21 Capons, 78 Elms of Linen Cloath, besides 99 Poultry, not valued in the Rental. And of the Lands and Barony of Northtarrie, 172 Bolls, 1 Peck, 2 Lippies Bear, 69 Bolls, two Firlots Meal; 262 L. 5 sh. 4 d. Scots of Money Rent, 16 Capons, 9 Elms of Linen Cloath, beside 16 Poultry not valued in the Rental. All the said Lands holding Blanch of the Crown, and lying upon the Sea Coast of Angus, near and about the Burgh of Aberbrothock; and the particular Rentals, Conditions of Sale, and Progreß of the Writs, are to be seen in the Hands of William Mercer Writer in Edinburgh.

†† These are to give Notice, That the Trustees and Managers of the Friendly Contribution, for Insurance against Fire, have resolved, That it shall be at the Option of all, who intend to enter into the said Insurance, to grant Bonds for their Capital Premium, bearing Interest from Martinmas last 1725, or in the former Methods.

¶¶ That the COLD BATH belonging to the Royal College of Physicians being in good Order, is to be lett for one Year, or set by Tack for several Years, at a reasonable Rate. If any Body has a-mind for it, they may enquire at the Exchange Coffee-house, for Dr. David Kinneer, present Treasurer of the said College.

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